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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: NBC Telemundo License Co.

Request for Waiver of Interference Protection Deadline

MB Docket No. 03-15

WNBC-DT, New York, NY; Facility ID No. 47535

Dear Madam Secretary:

NBC Telemundo License Co. ("NBC"), licensee of the above-referenced digital television facility WNBC-DT, New York, New York ("WNBC-DT"), hereby respectfully submits this request for a waiver of the July 1, 2005 replication/maximization interference protection deadline for WNBC-DT ¹ and, to the extent necessary, an extension of WNBC-DT's grant of special temporary authority ("STA").

NBC is operating WNBC-DT under a grant of Special Temporary Authority ("STA"). See FCC File No. BEDSTA-20041220ADE. NBC had applied for a license to cover its existing digital construction permit in July 2001. See BLCDT- 20010712AGC. With the destruction of the World Trade Center in September 2001, however, the Commission has understandably not been able to act on that license application, which remains pending. Accordingly, NBC continues to seek extensions for the facility's outstanding construction permit, while operating

See Public Notice, DTV Channel Election Issues – Compliance with the July 1, 2005 Replication/Maximization Interference Protection Deadline; Stations Seeking Extension of the Deadline, DA 05-1636 (June 15, 2005) (the "Notice"). NBC is the licensee of 14 stations affiliated with a top-four network. Of these, NBC is submitting additional information or requesting further Commission action with respect to five: WNBC-DT, New York, New York; KNBC-DT, Los Angeles, California; WCMH-DT, Columbus, Ohio; WVTM-DT, Birmingham, Alabama; and WJAR-DT, Providence, Rhode Island. NBC's other stations are not subject to the July 1, 2005, deadline.

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from the STA facility at the Empire State Building. *See* FCC File No. BEPCDT- 20040927AJV (the "WNBC-DT Permit").

As a facility with a license application pending, WNBC-DT understands that the Commission is not required to take any action with respect to WNBC-DT. *See Notice* at 2. However, in an abundance of caution, NBC hereby requests, to the extent necessary, a waiver of the July 1, 2005, deadline in order to preserve WNBC-DT's currently protected contours. WNBC-DT also would request an extension of time on its current STA, which otherwise expires on August 11, 2005, pursuant to the *Notice*.

Please communicate with the undersigned with respect to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

NBC TELEMUNDO LICENSE CO.

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